obtained from coal seams which have higher ash content. The ash content in raw coal feed to CIL washeries has, therefore, marginally increased.

(c) and (d) The information is furnished below:

Average Weighted Ash Percentage

Source	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	Raw Coal	Washed Coal	Raw Coal	Washed Coal	Raw Coal	Washed Coal
Dugda	34.5	22.0	34.5	23.2	34.6	20.50
Bhojudih	30.3	20.1	30.5	20.6	30.4	19.00
Patherdih	33.2	23.4	33.2	22.7	33.3	21.50
Sudamdih	31.07	19.5	32.0	20.1	32.78	19.00
Moonidih	33.87	19.1	32.45	19.0	32.96	18.00
Lodna	29.0	24.0	29.0	22.8	29.10	21.50
Barora	37.6	20.9	34.9	20.4	38.0	19.00
Mohuda	23.90	18.4	24.14	18.2	23.68	17.50
Kargali	31.0	20.1	32.5	20.7	33.6	18.25
Kathara	35.0	19.8	35.1	19.4	35.4	18.25
Swang	28.3	19.8	29.0	19.5	29.0	18.25
Gidi	30.8	21.6	30.7	20.2	31.5	18.25
Rajrappa	29.3	20.2	28.6	20.3	29.0	17.75
Nandan	23.13	18.2	24.30	19.2	24.87	17.50

Source : Coal Controller's Office and Coal Companies.

(e) Washed coal price is annually negotiated between coal companies and Steel Authority of India Limited. Some of the factors taken into account for fixing the price of washed coal are: notified price of raw coal, washing cost based on previous years actual including reasonable escalation; capacity utilisation, ash content in washed coal, 12 per cent return on 50 per cent net block, 14 per cent interest on balance 50 per cent of net block and freight and transport charges and other levies on raw coal on actuals.

Workers of Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd.

1792. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of workers engaged under the Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd., coal mines-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions of the appointment and the rate at which wages are paid to them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect their interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The number of workers (non-executives) engaged in Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd., Unit/Mine-wise as on 1.4.94 is at Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Appointments of workers are governed by the terms and conditions of

service stipulated in the certified the standing orders of the coal company. Wages are paid to the workers in accordance with the wages structure prescribed in the National Coal Wage Agreement. Wages for daily rated workers varying from Rs. 38.47 to Rs. 97.42 per day, whereas wages for monthly rated workers are paid in the scale of Rs. 1027-23-1349 at the lowest level and in the scale of Rs. 1387-75-2137-80-2537 at the highest level.

(c) The interests of the workers are protected by the different labour laws governing their employment.

Statement

No. of workers (non-executives) engaged in MCL. Unit/Minewise as on 1-4-1994.

A. *IB Valley Area*		B. *Orient Area*	
1. G.M. Office	336	1. G.M. Office	215
2. Central Hospital	140	2. Basundhara East	20
3. Reg/Workshop	78	3. Rampur sub-area (HRC & HST)	3307
4. BOCP	775	4. Orient sub-area-I (Mine I+Mine II)	1873
5. LOCP	623	5. Orient Sub-area II (Mine III+Mine IV)	2950
6. SOCP	423		
7. Lilari OCP	306		
8. Lakhanpur OCP	232		
9. Cent. Workshop	25		
10. Reg. Store	30		
C. *Jagannath Area*		D. *Kalinga Area*	
1. S. Balanda	970	1. Bharatpur	933
2. J. Colliery	1145	2. Kalinga OCP	340
3. Ananta OCP	674	3. Kalinga Area Off.	46
4. A. A. O.	34	4. Reg. Store	8
5. C.W.S.	214	5. Area Acct. Office	9
6. G.M. Office & Others	519		
E. *Talcher Area*		F. *Headquarters and Others.*	193
1. Lingaraj	285		
2. Handidhua	296		
3. Talcher Colliery	1370		
4. Deolbera	1410		
5. Nandira	1017		
6. G.M. Office and others	300		